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SUBJECT: NATURAL GAS PROCESSING PLANTS FOR ROMANIA

1. DIRECTOR GENERAL TANASESCU OF FTO IMPEXMIN ASKED COMATT JUNE 6 FOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN SECURING BIDS FROM AMERICAN FIRMS FOR THREE NATURAL GAS INSTALLATIONS IN ROMANIA. THE LARGEST, A PLANT TO SEPARATE THE QUOTE C2 PLUS UNQUOTE FRACTION (ETHANE) FROM FIELD GASES IS MORE URGENT BECAUSE OF ITS COMPLEXITY. THE OTHER TWO FACILITIES, FOR DESULPHURIZING AND DEHYDRATING NATURAL GAS, WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AT THE SAME SITE, BUT IMPEXMIN ESTIMATES VALUE OF ALL THREE PLANTS AS "SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS" BUT UNDER \$5 MILLION.

2. C2 PLUS RECOVERY PLANT. SPECIFICATIONS CALL FOR A GAS FLOW OF ABOUT 3 MILLION CUBIC METERS PER DAY. PRODUCT, WHICH IS TO BE USED IN PYROLYSIS FOR ETHYLENE, IS TO BE FRACTIONED INTO LIQUIFIED C2 - C3 FOR TRANSPORTATION AND A C4 PLUS FRACTION.

3. IMPEXMIN HAS HAD DIFFICULTY DETERMINING WHICH US FIRMS ABLE TO SUPPLY A C2 PLUS INSTALLATION. ROMANIA ALREADY HAS ONE SUCH PLANT OPERATING IN PITESTI, SUPPLIED BY PRITCHARD RHODES (ENGLAND), A SUBSIDIARY OF PRITCHARD USA, WITH WHICH THEY APPEAR TO BE SATISFIED.

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HOWEVER, IMPEXMIN IS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE FIRM

HAS (UNSPECIFIED) ORGANIZATIONAL OR FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES WHICH PREVENT THEM FROM MEETING THIS REQUIREMENT. IMPEXMIN AWARE THAT FISH MAKES SUCH EQUIPMENT, BUT BELIEVES FIRM IS NOT SELLING IN EUROPE. IMPEXMIN HAS WRITTEN TO FLUOR INTERNATIONAL INC. OFFICE IN HOLLAND BUT THERE HAS NOT BEEN TIME FOR REPLY.

4. GAS DESULPHURIZATION PLANT: GAS FLOW ABOUT 500,000 N CUBIC METERS PER DAY, WITH TOTAL SULPHUR CONTENT UP TO 40 PPMG; SULPHUR MUST BE RECOVERED AND PACKED FOR SHIPMENT.

5. GAS DEHYDRATION PLANT: GAS FLOW OF ABOUT 1 MILLION N CUBIC METERS PER DAY, TO BE DEHYDRATED TO A DEW POINT OF MINUS 5 CENTIGRADE.

6. INTERESTED FIRMS SHOULD CONTACT DIPL. ING. CORIOLAN SONCODI, DIRECTOR, IMPEXMIN, 13 C.A. ROSETTI STR., BUCHAREST, TELEX 11-588, TELEPHONE 128126. MENTION DOSSIER NO. 11/50.004. SPECIFICATIONS FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.  
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